IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Yasuo YAMAGUCHI ET AL.

: EXAMINER: STEVENSON, A.

SERIAL NO: 09/466,934

: DATE ALLOWED: AUGUST 22, 2002

CPA FILED: JULY 16, 2002

: GROUP ART UNIT: 2812

FOR: SEMECONDUCTOR DEVICE, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME AND METHOD OF DESIGNING SAME

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Applicants respectfully petition in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3) to compel the Examiner to acknowledge that the publications cited in the PTO-1449 forms filed with the Information Disclosure Statements on July 18 and August 5, 2002 have been considered.

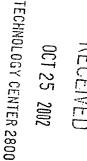
37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3) allows petition to invoke the supervisory authority of the Commissioner in appropriate circumstances.

Consequently, this is an appropriate circumstance in which to invoke the supervisory authority of the Commissioner to compel the Examiner to acknowledge the PTO-1449 forms noted above.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 be granted and that the Examiner consider the enclosed response.

Respectfully submitted,

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